

REMARKS

No new matter has been added by the amendments.

The drawings, specification and claims have been amended to conform with the Examiner's formal objections.

The specification has been amended to include a detailed description of Figure III.

Claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 6-16 have been added in this Response.

Claim 6 is drawn to a nasal device comprising the features of a first plastic cover, a metal wire connecting the first plastic cover to a second plastic cover, an adhesive strip on placed on the surface of the device for improved adhesion to a nasal lobe of a user, wherein the metal wire is curved to conform to a nostril of a user's nose, wherein the metal wire is about one inch in length, and wherein the adhesive strip is about half an inch in length.

Claim 12 is drawn to method of using the device of claim 7 for preventing nasal drip, sneezing or post-nasal drip, the method comprising clearing mucus in a nasal passage of the user, adhering adhesion strips on the surface of the first and second plastic covers, placing the metal wire of the device adjacent to the surface of a transformer, forming the metal wire of the device with the transformer to a conformation similar to the curvature of the user's nostril, aligning the plastic covers of the nasal device adjacent to the nasal passage of the user, inserting the first plastic cover of the device into the nasal passage of the user until the wire rests on the nostril of the user, and applying pressure to a nasal pressure point by pressing together the first plastic cover and the second plastic cover.

The features required in claims 6-16 are not anticipated by Blonder and, therefore, claims 6-16 are patentable.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Subject Matter Of Claims 6-16 Are Not Anticipated By Thorner. Claims 1-5 Are Patentable Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 6-16 include several features that are not contemplated by Thorner. U.S. Patent No. 6,238,411 ("Thorner"). In particular, Thorner does not disclose:

- A curve metal wire that is approximately one inch in length as required in claim 6.
- A plurality of adhesive strips that are adhered to the surface plastic covers of the device as required in claim 7.
- A device that is curved to conform to the shape of a user's columella nostril as required in claim 9.
- A method drawn to using the nasal device of claim 7, the method comprising clearing mucus in a nasal passage of the user, adhering adhesion strips on the surface of the first and second plastic covers, placing the metal wire of the device adjacent to the surface of a transformer, forming the metal wire of the device with the transformer to a conformation similar to the curvature of the user's nostril, aligning the plastic covers of the nasal device adjacent to the nasal passage of the user, inserting the first plastic cover of the device into the nasal passage of the user until the wire rests on the nostril of the user, and applying pressure to a nasal pressure point by pressing together the first plastic cover and the second plastic cover.

- A nose strip holder and placement device, which finds support in Figure IV, and is used in adhering the adhesive strips to the plastic covers of the device, as well as using the nose strip holder and placement device in aligning the plastic covers of the device with the nasal passage of the user as required in claims 13-16.

For the aforementioned reasons, claims 6-16 are not anticipated by Thorner and, therefore, claims 6-16 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

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